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Synopsis of State and Intelligence material reported to the President
(Teletyped to Newport to Mr. Hagerty)

Argentina

As I reported to you yesterday, our Embassy in Argentina is encouraging Argentina to sponsor a motion in the OAS for a Foreign Ministers Meeting in Cuba to follow immediately after the Foreign Ministers Meeting on Trujillo. The following countries have expressed support for this proposal: Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and Peru. The support of Chile, Costa Rica and Paraguay is expected. Brazil is uncertain but is expected to give limited support. Mexico, of course, is doubtful. No word from Uruguay. Cuba and the Dominican Republic were not consulted.

Khrushchev's Threat on Cuba Analyzed

Embassy Moscow believes that Khrushchev's threat to aid Cuba in a hypothetical conflict with the US is in the tradition of the boasts that Soviet power saved Egypt during the Suez crisis and prevented US intervention in Iraq. This threat, however, applies to a situation and an area in which Soviet security interests are less involved. The Embassy believes that the Soviet motives behind the threat may be: 1) to recreate the image, damaged by the U-2 incident, of Soviet military superiority; and 2) to develop a corollary to the "peaceful coexistence" line, which would encourage Communist parties outside the bloc as well as to answer the implied Chinese Communist criticism that Moscow has abandoned the international Communist movement because of fear of nuclear war.

Africa

Congo Breaks Relations with Belgium - Belgian Ambassador Van Der Bosch informed Timberlake that he received a telegram yesterday signed by Kasavubu and Lumumba breaking diplomatic relations with Belgium. Later, Bomboku told Van Der Bosch he knew nothing of the telegram and that he considered the breaking of relations illegal since the Cabinet had not discussed the matter.

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